Growing Problem of Unemployment

3596. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether with economy registering a regular growth of 5 to 6 per cent every year, joblessness has out-stepped all economic growth;

(b) if so, the compartive figures of economic growth and growth in employment and unemployment year after, over the last five years, indicating the number of unemployed and employment generation both in rural and urban sector during these years; and

(c) the main reason for the growing unemployment and the concrete steps proposed to be taken to deal with the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) As per information furnished by Planning Commission on the basis of latest comprehensive surveys available on Employment and Unemploymnet conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 1987-88 (43rd round) and 1993-94 (50th round), the rate of unemployment in the country was as follows:

Unemployment rate*

(as per Usual *Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS)*

1987-88	2.62
1993-94	1.90

*percentage to Labour Force.

Since, the unemployment rate has reduced during 1987—93, joblessness has not out stepped all economic growth.

Average annual growth rate (%) of employed persons as per Usual Principal and Subsidary Status (UPSS) during 1998-88 and 1993-94 is 2.43% This implies a postives employment growth.

Eradication of Unemployment

3597. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ""Berozgari Hatao" is the main slogan cc the Natiolal Agenda of Government;